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SUBJECT: CASE AGAINST DAILY NEWS EDITOR DISMISSED

- [1](#). CHARGES AGAINST THE INDEPENDENT "DAILY NEWS" EDITOR-IN-CHIEF GEOFF NYAROTA AND HIS FORMER BUSINESS PARTNER WILF MBANGA WERE DISMISSED ON NOVEMBER 16 FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. THE RULING BY HARARE MAGISTRATE WESTON NYAMWANZA INCLUDES LIFTING OF ALL BAIL CONDITIONS.
- [2](#). NYAROTA AND MBANGA WERE ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 8 ON ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD OR CONTRAVENTION OF INVESTMENT PROCEDURES. IN DISMISSING THE CASE, THE MAGISTRATE CRITICIZED THE WAY THE POLICE CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE MATTER, SAYING THE POLICE HAD "GONE ON TO ARREST WITHOUT ANY REASONABLE SUSPICION." THE COURT RULED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE TO REMOVE ALL BAIL CONDITIONS FROM NYAROTA AND MBANGA. MAGISTRATE NYAMWANZA DID SAY THAT THE STATE COULD SUMMON THE TWO FOR TRIAL IF IT ASSEMBLED MORE EVIDENCE AND DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE CASE.

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